

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended): Connection block for a hydrostatic piston machine which is provided for simultaneous operation in a first hydraulic circuit and a second hydraulic circuit, a first working pressure duct (60) and a second working pressure duct (61) being formed in the connection block, via which ducts respectively a first and a second working line (7, 8) of the first hydraulic circuit can be connected to respectively a first and a second kidney-shaped control port (68', 69') of a control plate (52) of the hydrostatic piston machine, and a third working pressure duct (62) and a fourth working pressure duct (63) being formed in the connection block (25), via which ducts respectively a third and a fourth working line (7', 8') of the second hydraulic circuit can be connected to respectively a third and a fourth kidney-shaped control port (70', 71') of the control plate (52) of the hydrostatic piston machine, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a common feeding pressure duct (80) is provide in the connection block (25), it being possible for the common feeding pressure duct (80) to be connected to the first to fourth working pressure duct (60, 61, 62, 63) respectively via a separate feeding device (13, 13', 14, 14').

2. (Currently Amended): Connection block according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the feeding devices (13, 13', 14, 14') can be inserted into openings (76, 77, 78, 79) of the connection block (25).

3. (Currently Amended): Connection block according to Claim 1 ~~or 2, characterised in that~~ wherein in each of the four feeding devices (~~13, 13', 14, 14'~~) a high-pressure limiting valve (~~18~~) is provided, by which; if a pressure limit value is exceeded, the pressure in the corresponding working line (~~7, 8, 7', 8'~~) connected to the first to fourth working pressure duct (~~60, 61, 62, 63~~) is relieved to the common feeding pressure duct (~~80~~) of the connection block (~~25~~).

4. (Currently Amended): Connection block according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 3, characterised in that~~ Claim 1, wherein at least the first and the second working pressure duct (~~60, 61~~) or the third and the fourth working pressure duct (~~62, 63~~) open onto one side of the connection block (~~25~~).

5. (Currently Amended): Connection block according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 4, characterised in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the working pressure ducts (~~60, 61, 62, 63~~) open in a kidney shape, at their ends facing away from the working lines (~~7, 8, 7', 8'~~), onto an end surface of the connection block (~~25~~) oriented towards the control plate (~~52~~).

6. (Currently Amended): Connection block according to Claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the kidney-shaped mouths (~~68, 69~~) of the first and the second working pressure duct (~~60, 61~~) extend along a first divided circle on the end face of the connection block (~~25~~).

7. (Currently Amended): Connection block according to Claim 5 ~~or 6~~, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the kidney-shaped mouths (~~70, 71~~) of the third and the fourth working pressure duct (~~62, 63~~) extend along a second divided circle on the end face of the connection block (~~25~~).

8. (Currently Amended): Connection block according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 7~~, ~~characterised in that~~ Claim 1, wherein an auxiliary pump (9), which delivers to the feeding pressure duct (80), can be inserted into the connection block (~~25~~) on the side of the latter facing away from the hydrostatic piston machine.

9. (Currently Amended): Connection block according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 8~~, ~~characterised in that~~ Claim 1, wherein all the feeding devices (~~13, 13', 14, 14'~~) are arranged on a common side of the connection block.